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1. The Ministry of Health of the DDR sponsored a German Internists Meeting (Deutsche Internisten-Tagung) at Leipzig from 3-5 November 1955.1/ The meeting was held in the Leipzig Congress Hall, Dr. Kurt-Fischer-Strasse 29, in the Zoological Gardens. The scientific leader was Prof. Dr. Max Buerger.2/ 25X1

2. [redacted] The program scheduled the following subjects:

First Day (3 November 1955)

a. Main Theme: Therapeutic Fever and Therapy of Stimulating Substances.

1) Luederlitz, Freiburg: More Recent Findings in the Analysis of the Action of Pyrogenic Stimulants. 25X1

2) Ludany, Budapest: Inflammation and Leucocyte Phagocytosis.

3) Vajda, Budapest: Autohemotherapy and Phagocytosis. 25X1

4) Fritze, Goettingen: Significance of Cellular Reactions for the Action of Bacterial Lipopolysaccharides.

5) Westphal, Freiburg: Properdin, a Serum Factor which Increases Resistance (A Review).

6) Tilling, Mainz: Hormone Effects on Infections and Fever Reactions.

7) Krautwald, Berlin: Incidents Encountered in Improper Fever Therapy.

Discussion:

a) Woratz, Leipzig: Clinical Experience with Pyrogens.

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b) Boehlau, Leipzig: Metabolism and Pyrogens.

c) Hollmann, Potsdam: Therapy with Fever Induced by Superwarmth or by Vaccines.

d) Hirscher, Rostock: Humoral Regulation of the Hemoserogram (Tests with ACTH and Pyrifers).

e) Perlick, Magdeburg: Properdin, a Serum Factor which Increases Resistance.

b. Main Theme: Value and Importance of Blood Transfusion in Internal Medicine.

8) Schulz, Leipzig: Importance of Blood Transfusion in Internal Medicine.

9) Hartert, Heidelberg: Pathological Changes of the Coagulation System after Blood Transfusions.

10) Emmrich, Magdeburg: Importance of Blood Transfusion in Hypoproteinemia.

11) Greuer, Goettingen: Therapy with Proteolytic Enzymes.

Discussion:

a) Zacharias, Dresden: Serological Preparation for Blood Transfusion.

b) Haase, Leipzig: Experience at the Leipzig Blood Donor Centers.

c) Florian, Leipzig: Possibilities for Injury of Permanent Blood Donors.

Second Day (4 November 1955)

c. Main Theme: Causes, Frequency, and Importance of Failures in Clinical Diagnosis.

12) Toennis, Cologne: Treatment of Subarachnoidal Hemorrhages.

13) Erbsloeh, Munich: Interpretation and Misinterpretation of Disturbances of Cerebral Bleeding.

14) Krump, Heidelberg: Clinical and Differential Diagnostic Importance of Electroencephalograms in Poisoning, Endotoxicoses, and Endocrinopathies.

15) Hetenyi, Szeged: False Diagnoses of Circulatory Diseases with Particular Reference to Arteriosclerosis.

16) Gillmann, Duesseldorf: False Interpretation of Electrocardiographic Findings.

17) Schoen, Goettingen: False Interpretations of Rheumatism Symptoms.

18) Loeffler, Berlin: False Interpretation of Orthopedic Findings.

19) Schulze, Leipzig: The Importance of False Roentgenological Diagnoses in Internal Medicine.

Discussion:

a) Hevelke, Leipzig: Comments on Hetenyi's Talk.

b) Seidel, Leipzig: Remarks on Schoen's Talk.

c) Klumbies, Jena: False Diagnosis of Psychogenia.

d) Stecken, Berlin: Misjudgement of Pathologically-altered Lung Vessels as a Cause of False Clinical Diagnoses.

e) Reinstein, Liebenstein: False Diagnoses in Proposals for

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Treatment Regimes in Balneotherapy of the Heart.

d. Main Theme: Quantitative and Qualitative Feeding Requirements of the Sick.

20) Kraut, Dortmund: Work and Food Requirements.

21) Noecker, Leipzig: Relations between Nutrition and Work Output.

22) Katzschmann, Leipzig: Regeneration Metabolism (Therapy of Diabetic Gangrene, Antiphlogistic Diet).

Discussion

e. Main Theme: Occupational Diseases.

23) Holstein, Berlin: Occupational Cancer.

24) Baader, Hamm: Rheumatism as an Occupational Disease.

Discussion

Third Day (5 November 1955)

f. Main Theme: Functional Changes (Biomorphosis) in the Human Organism during the Course of Life and Their Nosological Importance.

25) Letterer, Tuebingen: Atrophy of Organs and Their Meaning in the Course of Aging.

26) Krauspe, Hamburg: The Building-up of the Skull During Aging.

27) Grimm, Berlin: What Can Anthropology Contribute to the Estimation of Biological Age?

28) Groth, Frankfurt: Problems of Age from the Sociological Viewpoint.

29) Schallock, Mannheim: Changes in Basic Substance during Aging.

30) Linsbach, Marburg: The Senile Heart.

31) Rotter, Giessen: Aging Processes in the Peripheral Circulation.

32) Doll, Karlsruhe: Life Insurance and Problems of Age.

Discussion

33) Klein, Wuersburg: Pathological Changes in Thyroid Function during Aging.

34) Schettler, Marburg: Changes in Lipoid and Lipoprotein Metabolism in Old Age.

35) Leiber, Berlin: Relations between Calendar Age and Disposition to Rheumatism.

36) Velhagen, Leipzig: Importance of Research on Aging for Ophthalmology with Special Regard for Newer Experience with Glaucoma.

37) Monje, Kiel: Ophthalmological Problems in Old Age.

38) Mueller-Hegemann, Leipzig: Old Age from the Psychiatric Viewpoint.

39) Schneider, Leipzig: Problems of Stomatology in Old Age.

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40) Fleischer, Leipzig: Problems of Otology in Old Age.

41) Noack, Leipzig: Problems of Aging in Obstetrics.

42) Freudenberg, Berlin: Natural Life Span of Man.

43) Amon, Greifswald: Social Hygiene Analysis of 200 Very Old People in the Baltic Sea Area.

44) Menzel, Hamburg: The Influence of the Calendar Age on Physiological Rhythm Construction.

3. A German group of the International Society for Research on Aging was formed on the third day of the meeting. Physicians who were interested were asked to submit their names for consideration in the selection of the group's membership. Dr. Buerger was nominated as group president.

4. Prof. K. M. Bykov, the Soviet physiologist, attended the meeting but did not take part in the program. Bykov was attended by a Soviet interpreter. Prof. Hetenyi (fnu) of Szeged, Hungary,[2/] was the only Hungarian scientist who appeared at the meeting, despite the fact that two other Hungarians, Ludany (fnu) and Vajda (fnu), were scheduled to be present.

[redacted] Comment. This meeting was not convened by an all-German society, but was an official East German-sponsored affair. 25X1

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